

HOME, ITS PROBLEMS AND INTERESTS

SOFT MATERIALS.

For Young Girls Are More Becoming Than Heavier Textures.

To young girls, and indeed to all tall, slight figures, soft materials, which fall in clinging, graceful folds are more becoming than the heavier textures, no matter how beautiful the quality. Nor are boned linings necessary for the simple gowns. Many of the prettiest chiffon frocks this winter are made up over a well fitted silk or mousseline de sole slip, and there need not even be a boned lining worn underneath, provided, of course, that the wearer is sufficiently slender to allow of this style of dress.

There is a material known as crystalline which, while not unlike chiffon, has some body and wears well, although it is very sheer. For accordion and side plaited frocks this soft fabric is now greatly used, and for both afternoon and evening a side plaited princess frock is extremely pretty. Smocking is expensive work, and yet not in comparison with the prices asked for hand embroidery. To finish a side plaited princess gown about the waist there is nothing so attractive as a wide band of smocking brought up in a point at the waist and down on the skirt in the center. Crystalline shows up even better than chiffon in smocking which, of course, is prettiest on sun plaiting.

Not all the crystalline gowns are smocked, however, although this material is generally made up elaborately plaited. One frock was particularly pretty, perhaps because of its very simplicity. There was a deep, round collarless yoke of Irish point lace from which the material fell soft and full, gathered in only about the waist in four rows of shirring. The edge of the lace yoke fell over the material, thus trimming the bodice slightly. The sleeves, elbow length, full and slashed open down the center over a band of Irish lace. The material was then tied across the lace in four small bowknots. Below the knees on the skirt were four two-inch tucks, through which were run stiff cords to give the effect of gathered ruffles. This dress was made with a medium length train.

Crystalline is being worn a great deal in mourning—with black passementerie and crepe, it is especially pretty. A separate waist worn over a thin silk slip of the same shade, the bodice being simply trimmed with lace or hand embroidery, so that it can be washed without difficulty, is pretty. It is, in fact, quite the fashion this winter to have all separate blouses unlined, no matter of how handsome a material and elaborate a design. The slip may be either china, silk or a thin washable satin, the shade of the waist. It is now stated that colored blouses are to be worn once more with waikings skirts, but this remains to be seen.

For a Southern trip there cannot be provided too many gowns of this crystalline, for in such a climate as the green, buff, red, as well as the more usual colors, the material is exquisite. Green from palest apple color to the deepest emerald or Nile green, is undoubtedly the color of the moment, and the more unusual the shade, the smarter. Green evening gowns, particularly effective this year in the odd shades for which this season is already noted.



THE HENRIETTA HOUSE DRESS.

The house dress is an essential in every woman's wardrobe. Dress goods counters are piled high with all sorts of attractive materials for this purpose, and even the bargain counters afford a splendid opportunity in this direction. For winter wear for those who find the wash dresses of the summer season too light weight, the soft Henriettas, voiles and such fabrics are chosen. Here a light blue Henrietta is made charming use of in the form of what might be termed an over dress. The full skirt, with its deep hem and tucks, is sewed securely to the baby waist, the décolletage of which has two widths of pale blue satin ribbon, shirred and held in place with bands of black velvet ribbons. The puffed sleeve having this same ribbon finish at the elbow, and the soft girlish line of the Henrietta. The gumpie is of an all-over etru lace, backed with chiffon. Variety may be given this costume by changing the gumpie at intervals.

CLOTH GOWN FOR AFTERNOON AFFAIRS.

Certain browns and pinks consort most harmoniously and with much distinction, but one must choose the right shades. A pink broadcloth frock of creamy tea rose tint trimmed in brown velvet, worn with brown fur and a big pink tulle hat trimmed with brown plumes and a touch of fur around the crown, excited much enthusiasm at a recent tea and the color scheme should suggest charming possibilities to any color artist in dress.

The frock referred to is illustrated above and the finish of skirt is three applied bias tucks. A vest and collar of brown velvet, with a gold embroidered line fills in front of coat and the belt around cuffs are similarly treated and fastened with two gold buttons.

WOMAN'S INQUIRY COLUMN

Letters to the woman's inquiry column are invited. They should be addressed to Editor Woman's Inquiry Column, Washington Times, and should reach the office before Saturday to insure an answer the following week.

To Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:

Can you tell me what magazine and what copy the photographs of the Army and Navy officers will appear in that were taken on the steps of the State, War and Navy building New Year Day?

M. B. D.

As far as I can ascertain the photographs in question were taken by a man named Simpson, of the National Press Association of the city. You will have to find out from him to what publication he sold the photographs.

To Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:

I have been acquainted with a young man for about three years. I have turned him down several times but he still comes around. I do not care much for him, but I do not like to hurt his feelings. He appears to like me very much. Please advise me how to get rid of him?

K. Z. K.

If you really do not care for the man I should think the best thing for you to do is to tell him so or to write him a letter, explaining the situation as best you can. Either plan, I should think, would have the desired effect. If you do not wish to hurt his feelings, are you really sure after all that you do not care for him?

To Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:

Can you tell me if there is any remedy for redness of the nose in cold weather? My skin is very fair, and in the winter the tip of my nose gets scarlet after I have been out in the cold for a little time. It is very embarrassing, and I find no amount of powder will conceal the color.

J. W.

I have been told that hot water will do a great deal to reduce the color of the nose. Drink a glassful of hot water as you can stand it immediately before retiring at night, upon arising in the morning, and just before each meal for a time, and see if that will not have the desired effect.

To Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:

Is there any remedy for blushing? I am annoyed dreadfully by the habit.

E. F. D.

Blushing is a most annoying habit and there is no sure remedy for it. It is a form of nervousness and sometimes is helped greatly by a nerve tonic. Possibly you do not cultivate the society of others to the extent you should. Try this and see if it will not make you less self-conscious.

To Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:

What shall I do with a man who insists upon holding my hand all the time? It embarrasses me dreadfully in the theater or even when sitting talking with him.

E. C. R.

Let him hold it—if you like him. If you do not I should think it would be easy enough to tell him that you do not care for any such demonstrations of affection.

To Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:

1. I intend to travel to Europe in the spring. Tell me what traveling suit would be best to wear. I want it neat and stylish and not expensive?

2. What do ladies wear on the steamer?

3. In traveling by the second cabin, what clothes shall I take along for a boy of five?

4. Can any washing be done on the steamer?

5. I want to take some china dishes along as a present. Will I have to pay duty on them?

6. I want to take some pinnacles and bananas. How should I pack them so that they will last three weeks?

F. G.

1. Have a nice suit of some dark material, made with a skirt and coat and provide yourself with plenty of separate waists. Have a small compact hat and veil and plenty of stocks and

Homemade Soap

The ideal soap for the complexion is not any of the kinds one may buy ready made in the pharmacist's shop, but one which should and can be very easily manufactured at home.

Its ingredients are only three simple things at that. Its making is attended by very little trouble, but it will not only cleanse the skin in a manner in which should be cleansed, but keeps it free from the annoyance of eruptions, undue effusions of oils and also preserves the skin in a condition of velvety smoothness.

Oatmeal, castile soap and peroxide of hydrogen, or carbolic acid, are the things which enter into the making of this soap.

The oatmeal should be boiled until it has the consistency of thick jelly, then the castile soap should be shaved fine and reduced to a paste with the addition of water, little water, after which the two must be mixed together in proportion of two parts castile to one part oatmeal jelly.

A vigorous stirring is then given the mixture and during the process a small quantity of peroxide of hydrogen or diluted carbolic acid is added, a teaspoonful to each quart of the mixture.

The peroxide of hydrogen is to be preferred, for it does not have the same qualities carbolic acid gives it without being harmful under any circumstances or dangerous to have about the house.

The soap should then be allowed to cool, and when hard may be cut up into cakes of the size most preferred. Oblong pieces about an inch long and wide, by half an inch thick, will be found more convenient than any other size.

The mixture should be poured in shallow pans lined with white paper. If the skin is washed with this soap every night before retiring, the worst complexion will begin to show improvement within less than a week.

A soft towel should always be used in drying the face, either after the soap or any other, for a rough or bath towel only irritates the skin and serves to work it some injury. The following recipe is also a very good one. Dissolve one can of lye in a quart of cold water. Try out five pounds of mutton tallow until perfectly pure. Have the grease as cool as it can be without congealing, then pour it in a few drops at a time and beat constantly into the dissolved lye.

Stir into the mixture four ounces of glycerine, and half an ounce of the oil of bergamot or oil of lavender as preferred. Or if one does not care for either of these odors, use oil of geranium instead, as this gives a delightful perfume.

When all the ingredients are blended, beat in two tablespoonfuls each of powdered borax and monard. Whip hard, line a pan with paper and pour the soap into it. This soap will surpass in purity any toilet soap on the market, no matter how high priced.

Apple Custard

Stew six large apples, after peeling and coring them. Add to them the juice and grated peel of a large lemon and six tablespoonfuls of sugar. When this apple sauce is cold, add to it four eggs, four tablespoonfuls of sugar and a pint of milk. Pour the custard into a dozen small cups; set them in a pan containing cold water and bake in a moderate oven until firm.

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